

South Campus residence halls offer barbeque and Open Mic Night Cheap food, good tunes, great time

Joey Sullivan
Connector Editor

Last Thursday, Sheehy and Concordia Halls hosted an outdoor barbeque and an Open Mic Night in the Link from approximately 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Jeremy Ayers, along with fellow Resident Advisors from both Concordia and Sheehy Halls, braved the chilly autumn night air to offer inexpensive food to residents and guests. The barbecue offered hamburgers and veggie burgers for \$1 and cheeseburgers for \$1.50. This was a welcome relief to students who were just about to spend more money ordering out.

The barbecue coincided with an Open Mic Night held in the link of the two residence halls.

Both programs were sponsored by Resident Advisors and funded partly by the Sheehy Hall Council as well as from the pockets of some RAs. Each Resident Advisor and Hall Staff member is required to sponsor such events as part of their job description.

When asked about the Open Mic portion of the evening, Lee Nosal, a Sheehy Hall resident said, "Ray Brierly's exceptional capability to captivate a crowd is not only exciting, but truly impressive. Ray knows how to include everyone in the crowd." Brierly is a Concordia Hall Resident Advisor.

"What an incredible evening. The food was awesome," said Joe DeVito, a Concordia hall resident. DeVito is also organizational leader of BallBreakers,



Photo by Rosalind Wyman
A Concordia Hall resident performs at Open Mic Night in the Link.

Inc., a newly forming pool club which was in full view during Thursday evening's many activities on South Campus. DeVito continued, "It brought people together, not only from South, but from all the campuses. There was a barbecue flavor in the air. Ryan [Gregoire] and Jeremy [Ayers] were exceptional hosts for our school. We want more."

Travis Hutchins a Concordia

Hall resident, concurred. "The community spirit on South Campus during the Open Mic/Barbecue night was jubilant."

Concordia Hall Resident Advisor Megan Coy said, "It was great to see so many South Campus people filling the Link, communing with each other in a safe, sober and happy environment."



Photo by Rosalind Wyman
Ray Brierly and Ryan Gregoire have some laughs during the barbeque.

A Spectrum of Halloween tricks and treats

by Rob Verella
Connector Editor

If you were in the Fox



Photo by Rosalind Wyman
Eve Ell danced to Britney Spears at Spectrum's Halloween dance.

Multi-Purpose Room last Thursday night, things may have seemed a little "queer." A Halloween "drag queen" dance took place, sponsored in part by Spectrum, UMass Lowell's on-campus organization for gays, lesbians, and their straight allies.

The event met with a huge turnout of students – some in costume. Candy, in addition to music played off of a personal computer, was provided for the crowd, who danced the night away.

Promptly at 9 p.m., the real show started. The original plan was to have several "drag queens" from the Boston area come and perform.

Unfortunately, they were unable to attend, leaving two UMass Lowell students to perform by themselves. They played the parts of Eve Ell and Miss Charisma once they took to the dance floor. Their dancing was sexy, fun, and humorous, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Leitch Resident Advisor Jose Mercado was the main organizer of the event. He seemed pleased with how the event turned out, despite the cancellations of most of the performers.

Halloween-related events continue throughout the



Photo by Rosalind Wyman
Miss Charisma wows the crowd in Fox last Thursday.

remainder of October. Keep an eye open for upcoming activities on campus.

A BRIEF LOOK



News on two...

UML News Briefs will keep you up-to-date on UML happenings including flu shots, Marty Meehan on-campus and changes in the drop/add period for next semester.

Get a snapshot of the candidates you must choose from in the November 7 election (page 3).

Sports in Brief

The hockey team won Friday's game against RPI.

The women's rugby team is undefeated and it has not been scored on.

New column by the Sports Editor, Ben McKellick. See the bottom of 19.

Arts & Entertainment

What Slappy has to say about the new Kevin Spacey movie "Pay it forward." See page 6

"Orgy" releases new CD. Do they make the grade? See page 8

"Distant Relatives" play the Usual. See page 7

Whatever Xcetera

The weather looks ok for the week, but batten down the hatches toward the weekend.

Interested in being an RA? Read all about it in Dennis Gonthier's article.

As usual, Big J's Quote of the Week. All on 14.

Calendar Events

The Career Fair for technology, business and science is Wednesday, noon - 4.

Chancellor Hogan will be at the Student Senate meeting, also on Wednesday.

The football team has its last home game this Saturday.

See page 11.

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Chancellor's Open Meeting Hours

During the 2000-2001 academic year, the Chancellor will hold open meeting hours for faculty, staff and students. These meeting hours will occur on Oct. 18 in Coburn 203, Nov. 15 in the Trustees' Room of Cumnock Hall and Dec. 13 also in the Trustees' Room. The staff hour is from 2-3 p.m., the student hour from 3-4 p.m. and the faculty hour from 4-5 p.m.

Take note: changes to drop/add period

The Faculty Senate has approved a significant change in the beginning-of-the-semester schedule, affecting the add-drop process for undergraduate students enrolled in day programs. Chancellor Hogan has approved the change, and the new schedule will be in effect **January, 2001**.

During the first five days of a semester (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) an undergraduate day student may add one or more courses by registering through the Voice Response System or in person at the Office of the Registrar.

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During the first ten days of a semester, an undergraduate day student may withdraw from one or more courses and no record of the registration or withdrawal will be placed on the student's permanent transcript.

Between the tenth and the fiftieth day of a semester, an undergraduate day student may withdraw from one or more courses and a "W" will be recorded on the student's transcript.

The biggest meeting of the year!

The Student Senate will be holding an open meeting on October 25 at 5 p.m. in the Fox Hall Senate Chambers on the 4th floor.

Special Guests are Chancellor William Hogan, Dean of Students Ellen Duggan, Director of Residence Life Larry Siegel and Director of Student Activities Mary Connelly.

Planned discussions include the new recreation center and parking. Students are welcome to bring other topics to cover.

Refreshments will be served.

Financial Aid News

The Office of Student Financial Assistance staff would like to welcome all new students and returning students and wish everyone the best of luck during the 2000-2001 academic year.

To date, the office has processed 3,902 applications, awarding over \$24 million. Thank you to all that submitted their verification documents in a timely manner. We are up to date on processing those files. Currently we are waiting for approximately 250 students to complete their paperwork. If you are experiencing difficulties in completing the requirements please contact our office and speak to your counselor. Remember your counselor is assigned according to the beginning initial of your last name A-I: Alberta Cavanaugh, x4235; J-P: Richard Barrett x4226; and Q-Z: Doreen Bray, x4225.

The office is constantly striving to make improvements to the financial aid process to better serve students. Two major changes this year were the revision of

the financial aid award notification letter and the Master Promissory Note. The office eliminated the need for students to return award letters. The only time a student needs to return an award letter is when he/she wishes to make adjustments or cancel awards to the financial aid being offered. This change has greatly reduced the time it takes financial aid to be credited to student accounts, enabling eligible students to receive their refund checks that much sooner.

Students taking advantage of Federal Direct Student Loans have also noticed the efficiency of the new Master Promissory Note. A student signs one promissory note, the legal document saying that he/she will repay the loan, for all loans borrowed while in attendance at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. If you have any questions regarding your loans, call Carole King at x4224, or Diane Wolfgang at x4234.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance welcomes students' comments and suggestions. Stop by our office, call, visit our website, or email us.

Get the flu shot, not the flu

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is a serious disease that is caused by a virus that spreads from one infected person to another by droplets from coughing or sneezing. The flu causes fever (100-104 degrees F), chills, cough, muscle aches, sore throat and headaches. Symptoms last between seven and 10 days and are incapacitating. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are not necessarily the "flu."

The flu season in the U.S. runs from November to March or April every year. The influenza vaccine (shot) can prevent influenza. Protection develops about 2 weeks after the shot is given and lasts for about a year. The flu causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly, but people of any age can get the flu.

Due to a shortage of flu vaccine this year, people who are considered high-risk must receive priority for receiving the vaccine.

Those who should get the flu vaccine are people with long-term health problems such as heart disease, asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, lung disease, anemia or other blood disorders, anyone with a weakened immune system due to HIV/AIDS, long-term steroid treatment, cancer treatment, anyone up to 18 years of age on long term aspirin therapy and pregnant women past their 3rd month of pregnancy.

Student Health Services will be offering free flu shots to people in the aforementioned categories only on Thursday Oct. 26th 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Student Health Services, McGauvran 335.

If you are in a high-risk group and are unable to come to the clinic on the above mentioned date call SHS at 934-4991. If there is any available vaccine after this date, future flu shot clinics will be scheduled.

In addition, anyone who does not qualify for the free vaccine may receive a flu shot at another clinic which will be held next Tuesday from 1 - 8 p.m. in both the Fox Hall MPR and the McGauvran Student Center 2nd floor lobby. There is a \$10 fee for the vaccine.

NOTE: Those who should not get the shot are anyone who is allergic to eggs or who has had a previous allergic reaction to a flu vaccine or people with a history of Guillain Barre.

Congressman Marty Meehan

The Political Science Department presents former Political Science Major and graduate of the University of Massachusetts Congressman Marty Meehan who will speak informally with Dr. Fred Lewis' class and the entire university community on gender issues facing congress in the new millenium, the 2000 political races and other matters of current political interest. The even will be held on Monday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. in O'Leary Library room 222.

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Presidential Election 2000

Ralph Nader Green Party

Ralph Nader was born in 1934 in Wasted, CT to Lebanese immigrants Rose and Nathra Nader. Civic duty had a special meaning in Winsted, the small town in northwestern Connecticut where Nathra ran the Highland Arms Restaurant and engaged his customers in spirited debate about Public Affairs.

In 1955, Nader graduated magna cum laude from Princeton and in 1958 from Harvard Law School. It was at Harvard where Nader first explored an unorthodox legal topic: the engineering design of automobiles. In 1963, Nader then an unknown twenty-nine year old attorney, abandoned a conventional law practice in Hartford, Connecticut and hitchhiked to Washington, DC to begin a long odyssey of professional citizenship.

In 1965, he targeted General Motors and the American auto industry in his best-selling book *Unsafe at any speed: The Designed-In Dangers of the American Automobile*.

In 1971, Nader founded Public Citizen, to be the consumer's eyes and ears in Washington, working for consumer justice and government and cooperate accountability.

Nader's organizations have been responsible for federal consumer protection laws such as the Safe Drinking Water Act. Nader has written, co-written or sponsored many books. Other groups he inspired include the Aviation Consumer Action Project, Center for Auto Safety, Clean Water Action Project, Disability Rights Center, Pension Rights Center, Freedom of Information Clearinghouse, and the Congressional Accountability Project. Nader helped establish the Public Interest Research groups (PIRGs); the organizations funded and controlled by students that function on college campus's in 23 states (including Massachusetts).

Nader formally announced his candidacy for President at the Green Party National Convention in August.

Al Gore Democratic Party

Al Gore was inaugurated as the 45th Vice President of the United States on January 20, 1993. President Clinton and Vice President Gore were re-elected to a second term in 1996, and Vice President Gore was sworn in again on January 20, 1997. Together, they have led this country into the longest period of economic growth in American history — marked by 22 million new jobs, and real incomes rising for the first time in a generation.

Vice President Gore was born on March 31, 1948, and is the son of the late US senator Albert Gore, Sr. and Pauline Gore. Raised in Carthage, Tennessee, and Washington, DC, Vice President Gore received a Degree in government with honors from Harvard University in 1969. After graduation, he volunteered for enlistment in the US Army and served in Vietnam. Returning to civilian life Vice President Gore became an investigative reporter for *The Tennessean* in Nashville. He attended Vanderbilt Divinity School and Vanderbilt Law School.

Vice President Gore began his career in public service in 1976 when he was elected to represent Tennessee in the US House of Representatives (1977-1985). He was elected to the US Senate in 1984 and was re-elected in 1990 (1985-1993). A candidate for President in 1988, he won more than three million votes and Democratic contests in seven states.

Vice President Gore serves as an advisor to President Clinton, a Cabinet member, President of the US Senate, a member of the National Security Council, and head of a wide range of Administration initiatives.

Gore is married to the former Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson. They have four children: Karenna, Kristin, Sarah, and Albert III. The Gores also have one grandchild, born last summer on the Fourth of July.

Vice President Al Gore owns a small farm near Carthage, and his family attends New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Carthage.

George W. Bush Republican Party

George W. Bush is the 46th Governor of the State of Texas and the Republican nominee for President of the United States. On March 14, 2000, Governor Bush earned enough delegates to become the Republican nominee for President.

George W. Bush was born on July 6, 1946 and grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas. He received a Bachelor's degree from Yale University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He served as an F-102 pilot for the Texas Air National Guard. He began his career in the oil and gas business in Midland in 1975 and worked in the energy industry until 1986. After working on his father's 1988 presidential campaign he assembled the group of partners that purchased the Texas Rangers baseball franchise in 1989.

He served as a managing general partner of the Texas Rangers until he was elected Governor on November 8, 1994, with 53.5 percent of the vote. In a historic re-election victory, he became the first Texas Governor to be elected to consecutive four-year terms on November 3, 1998 winning 68.6 percent of the vote.

During three Texas legislative sessions, Governor Bush has worked in a spirit of bipartisan cooperation with statewide leaders and members of the Texas Legislature to enact historic reforms to improve public schools, put welfare recipients to work, curb frivolous lawsuits and strengthen criminal justice laws. In his five years in office, Gov. Bush has delivered the two largest tax cuts in state history, totaling nearly \$3 billion, to Texas taxpayers.

Governor Bush and his wife, Laura, a former teacher and librarian who grew up in Midland, reside in the historic Governor's mansion in Austin with their 18-year old twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, their dog, Spot, and their two cats, India and Ernie.

Governor Bush is a Methodist and has served on the boards of various charitable, business, and civic organizations.

* All information taken from respective political party web pages.

The 8 Questions on the Ballot

Question 1: Earlier Redistricting for State Legislators and Governor's Councillors

This question would amend the Constitution to require that the periodic redrawing of district boundaries for state legislators and governor's councillors to use new census data two years earlier than under the current system. A vote of "no" will make no change and continue the current policy of waiting four years after the census.

Question 2: Voting By Incarcerated Felons

This proposed amendment would prohibit persons who are incarcerated due to a felony conviction from voting in elections for governor, state senator, or state representative. A vote of "no" will not change the current policy.

Question 3: Dog Racing

This proposed law would prohibit in Massachusetts any dog racing where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of the dogs occurs. Violators would be required to pay a hefty fee to the State Racing Commission. The proposed law would take effect June 1, 2001.

Question 4: Income Tax Rate Reduction

This possible law would repeal the law setting the state personal income tax rate and lower it 0.95% over the next couple years, returning income tax rates to one not in effect since 1989.

Question 5: Health Insurance and Health Care

This proposed law would set up a state Health Care Council to review and recommend legislation for a health care system that ensures comprehensive, high quality health care coverage for all Massachusetts residents.

Question 6: Tax Credit for Tolls and Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

State personal income taxpayers would be granted a tax credit equal to the amount of tolls the taxpayer paid during the taxable year on all Massachusetts roads and highways, if this law passes. This includes the Massachusetts Turnpike and its various tunnels and bridges. The same would be true for corporations. The tax credits could not be used to reduce a personal income taxpayer's taxes below zero, although any extra credits can be carried over and used in later

taxable years for up to ten years.

Question 7: Tax Deduction for Charitable Contributions

This proposed law would allowed taxpayers who give to charity a personal income tax deduction for those charitable contributions. This law would apply to any contribution that met the definition of charitable contribution used under federal income tax law.

Question 8: Drug-Dependency Treatment and Drug-Crime Fines and Forfeitures

If this law passes, it would create a state Drug Treatment Trust Fund to be used solely for the treatment of drug-dependent persons. This Fund would include fines paid under the state's criminal drug laws, money forfeited because of its use in connection with drug crimes, and the proceeds from selling property forfeited from its use in connection with drug crimes.

Summarized from text written by the Massachusetts state Attorney General. For further information, see the full text found in the *Information for Voters* booklet published by Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin.



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OPINIONS & LETTERS

Slappy Says...

by Christopher Pyne
Connector Columnist

I recently went to go see the movie *Pay It Forward* (see the review in Arts & Entertainment). Although I believe it to be an excellent movie and a great story I'm a little off put by some of the ideas raised in it.

The plot revolves around the idea of one person doing three good ideas for three other people and then those three people going out into the world doing three good deeds for three other people. My issue is this: it relies on the goodness of people.

I believe that people act in their own best interest and experience has taught me that the honor system tends to be joke.

In the movie some people first fall short of reaching their obligations to help others but later turn around and fly straight. But how realistic is this?

Two thousand years ago a guy went around saying that it would be a good idea if people stopped being assholes and instead treated each other with respect. For all his efforts people nailed him to two pieces of wood and let him die. Today's world may not find us hanging up people like Halloween decorations any more, but more often than not a deaf ear is turned to the occasional human interest story thrown into news broadcasts to break up the parade of horror and greed.

Broadcast journalism classes taught across the country and around the globe all start with the same philosophy: If it bleeds it leads. The gorier a story is the more likely it is to be first on the nightly news. Why is that? The simple (and most cynical) answer is money. The nightly news needs to pay its anchors and weather people money and they get that from selling advertising space lightly peppering stories of war-torn countries half a world away. And let me tell you something, they wouldn't be selling that space if advertisers thought no one was watching.

Small child decapitated by drunk driver, another woman comes forward claiming Bill Clinton forced himself on her, commercial break, Cuban brat still in Cuba, local official excepting bribes, rain for the weekend, another commercial break, Sox season finishes early, Pats loose (again), commercial break, cute story about a dog saving a baby from a shark attack (or something else equally silly). By the time the human-interest story comes along no one cares. After hearing the heroic tale of a cat dialing 911 or a kindergarten class with aspirations to clean the ozone layer most people sigh and wait for Leno to come on and crack wise about the national news pieces just spoken about by the lovely people

behind the anchor desk.

Misanthropic as it may sound people are more concerned with what things look like rather than what they truly represent. But this isn't news to anyone. We watch the news show that has the best graphics and the most attractive news casters. If they don't make you laugh they have to make you horny. It's the oldest trick in the book, turn you on so you will tune in. Every media does it. Ugly people go on the radio. Ugly people with croaking voices work in print. Those people without looks, without a velvet voice, and without a firm sense of humor and charm make web pages. How could anyone look at our world and the modern cultures within and think that a plan like pay it forward could work?

People are too concerned with their own wants and needs to be bothered with everyone else. Am I to believe that some junkie is going to mend their wayward life because some little kid gave them a bowl of cereal?

The movie is real, to a point. The junkie does fall back (quite quickly) to his ways and only remembers the agreement much later. Other people fail and fall hard. But, being Hollywood, you're not going to be sitting through depressing tale after tale. Instead you are treated to the way things should be. Some failing to give credibility to the story but in the end people do what they should (for the most part).

This isn't meant to belittle the movie, or any other, it's only meant to show that there is a large gap between the world of movies and the world we live in. Obviously. But People tend to forget that. Sure, *X-Men* isn't likely to be re-enacted in your back yard but neither is *Pay It Forward*.

For every person that was in that theater, and many like it across the nation, how many do you think will be going out and doing good deeds for others? How many are going to be moved enough to actually go out and do something for someone else? When people leave that darkened theater and walk back to their cars they return to their lives. People are too burdened with car payments, rent, student loans, credit cards, family illness, children, parents, pets, divorce, work, co-workers, bosses, making dinner, giving up and ordering dinner, cleaning the house, getting your hair done, picking out an outfit for the day, and the like to be bothered with enacting an idea spewed at them by a movie, one gust of thought amidst a hurricane of media.

My point, boiled down, is this: go see the movie, enjoy it, cry at it, but don't forget that it's a movie and only a movie. Sitting back, thinking "well, that's a good idea," and hoping someone else will start working on it is what most people do. Fancy yourself a world changing individual? Prove me wrong. Start a project of your own. I'm not going to. I have homework to do.

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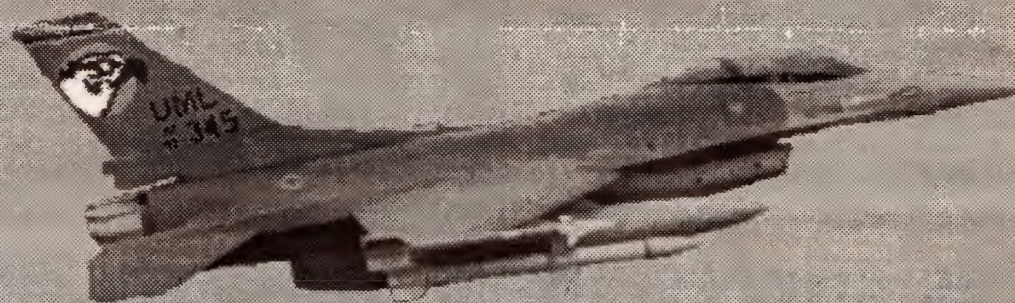
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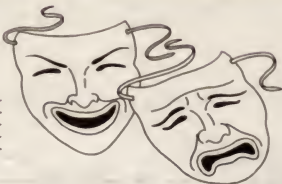
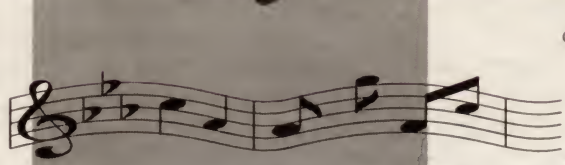
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'Forward' all the way to Oscars

by Christopher Pyne
Connector Staff

Easily the main contender for Best Picture at next year's Oscars is this quirky film starring past Oscar nominees and winners Kevin Spacey (*American Beauty*, *Usual Suspects*), Helen Hunt (*As Good As It Gets*) and Haley Joel Osment (*The Sixth Sense*).

Starting with Jay Mohr (*Go*, *Jerry McGuire*) and a sequence with his car getting smashed, the movie doesn't let up on the watcher for one second. After the cops leave, chasing the SUV that smashes Mohr's car in an attempt to get away, Mohr is left in the rain with no way to get home. A stranger comes out of the rain and gives Mohr his new Jaguar.

I'm a script fan. A movie can look fine but without a strong script and amazing actors to bring those roles to life the movie falls flat on its face. That is not a problem here. Each main character has at least one major speech that takes hold and really lets the actors explore their roles.

It's hard to talk about the movie without giving too much away, so please forgive any aloof generalizations.

Spacey plays Osment's seventh grade social studies teacher: a loner with a burnt face and a painful past. On the first day of class he charges his students to formulate a plan to change the world and then to put that plan in action. His expectation is that some graffiti will be cleaned and student's minds and eyes will be opened. Then Osment comes up with his plan to "Pay It Forward." The idea is that

one person will do three big things for others and, in return for the help received, those three will go forward and do something for three other people. An impressive plan.

The first quest under taken by Osment is to help a homeless junkie by taking

ster.

The movie is really two stories that meet together at the end. The first is Osment's tries to pay it forward with the people he knows and the second is Mohr, a reporter, who's is following the trail of pay it forward to try to find the kind of

from emotion to emotion until he finally just explodes at her for going back with her estranged husband (played thankfully for only a short few moments on the screen by Jon Bon Jovi).

The ending is the kicker. I won't give anything away but I will tell you this:

every person in the theater I went to gasped at the same time and burst into tears at the same time. As the lights came up in the theater and people shuffled to gather their things a quick glance around the room revealed that everyone was still crying and had big, red, puffy eyes. One girl was crying so hard that she had to be comforted by her mother and younger brother.

As the year winds down and each film studio starts to put forth their best and brightest for next year's Oscars the bar has been set high early. It's hard to imagine any movie coming out in the next two months that may even come close to this gem.

Possibly the freshest breath of air to come out of this movie is the apparent spectrum of directorial possibilities of Mimi Leder. After coming out of *Deep Impact* and *The*

Peacemaker it's amazing that this maker of knock-off action films could head such an amazing production. A new respect from Hollywood contemporaries is sure to follow.

My predictions go like this: Look for a best movie, screenplay, actor, actress and supporting actor nod with awards going to the film itself and Haley Joel Osment for his amazing performance.

Bring a friend, bring a tissue, and forget the soda, you will not want to miss any of this near-perfect film.



Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osment and Kevin Spacey are once again a happy group, as they watch WCW wrestling on television

Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Films

him in for a night, feeding him, and giving him money to buy clothes so he can get a job.

His second plan is to help his teacher get together with his mother saving them both from their lives alone. When things don't go well between his teacher and his alcoholic strip-bars mom Osment feels he's failed a second time.

Osment's third attempt at help is a plan to stand up for a kid in his class who is constantly getting picked on and beat up by three other boys. When the opportunity arises Osment finds himself frozen and instead stands aside while the child is beaten and thrown into a nearby dump-

person who would imagine such a plan.

What is most striking about the movie is the pure honesty. Osment's character is an 11-year-old boy who has seen his mother get beaten by his drunken, part-time dad. His mother is an alcoholic too. She tries to hide it from her son but instead he's the one throwing away her empty bottles and putting her used glasses in the kitchen sink. The two bicker back and forth so loudly and with such emotion that at times it's hard to remember that it's a scripted story.

Spacey's speech to Hunt where he details his past and the origins of his burns is simply stunning. He bounces

'Bedazzled' is surely 'best comedy of the year'

by Beth Parker
Connector Staff

You will be dazzled by this hilarious series of events that ties *Bedazzled* together. Brendan Fraser and Elizabeth Hurley create a spark that fires up this hellish comedy. Fraser plays Eliot Richards; a desperate, lonely, obnoxious, nerdy character that is hand picked by the Devil herself. Hurley plays the seductive lord of the underworld who searches for pathetic souls to

buy.

The devil offers him seven wishes and a manuscript contract to buy his soul. By using a dreamscape array of characters from his real life, Richards rashly delivers his seven wishes. He



Brendan Fraser learns that "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid." Lesson being taught by the ravishingly stunning Elizabeth Hurley, who lounges out in her revealing French maid's outfit [common theme for this movie].

Photo by Francois Duhamel

was, however, allowed to end the wishes he made by beeping the devil, 666. From the beginning wish to the end there are lines delivered from both characters that make the audience burst out in laughter. Of course, there is a main love interest of Richards that surrounds his fantasies.

Within this light-

hearted comedy lies the everlasting moral issue. The struggle between good and evil, avarice and power, strength and sincerity and so on. If we can read between the lines, we will find a pleasant, genuinely funny surprise. Fraser comes out on top as an actor who can flip from one personality to another with graceful ease. Hurley, not only a hot supermodel has a talent those may actually open doors for other starring roles. See this movie. Only, remember at the end; be careful what you wish for.

Casper Art exhibit is a Success



Photo courtesy of Art Dept
From left to right, Gloria De La Torre, Ed Caspers, Fred Faudie, Craig Freeman, Michele Auger, Ryan Duther and Brenda Pinardi stand around Casper's paintings.

Press Release

"Presence", an exhibition by Art and English grad Eduardo Vicencio Caspers in the Dugan Gallery was the focal point for a lot of activity over the week of October 2 - 6. Caspers, who currently resides in Los Angeles, came east for this special showing of his monotypes and paintings. His imagery is dependent on both visual art metaphors and literary influences. He was on campus on Wednesday, October 4 giving talks about his work to large gatherings of students, faculty, grads, and friends. Caspers advised students to never compromise and to follow their dream. These thought-provoking paintings will be on display through October 31st.

Standing room only at Kerouac celebration



photo courtesy of Art Dept.
Left to right, Willie Alexander, Paul Alexander, Henry Ferrini, Deborah Randall, Michele Auger and Liam Sullivan huddle around Deborah Randall's artwork during a Jack Kerouac celebration.

Press Release

On Friday October 6 patrons of art and film came together with Kerouac fans in celebrating the talents of abstractionist Deborah Randall and filmmaker Henry Ferrini. The exhibition of paintings in the University Gallery entitled "Half-truths and Fish Tales" combines the artist's love of the spontaneous narrative with process. The standing room only presentation of Henry Ferrini's exciting film "Lowell Blues" featured some of the greats of the Beat Era. For more information contact, Dugan Gallery during business hours.

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Muriel's mural a big hit



Photo courtesy of UML Center for Diversity
Muriel Long stands beside her Mural, "Faces Along the River."

by Lan T. Pho
Connector Contributor

Among the highlights of the Third Diversity Literature Display sponsored last month by the Council on Diversity and Pluralism (CDP) was the unveiling of a three-panel mural "Faces Along the River" depicting diversity on the UML campus, created by Studio Art major Muriel Long. At the opening reception, Associate Provost Paul Rahmeier introduced Professor Brenda Pinardi from the Art Department who, with the help of CDP Executive Chair Jeff Gerson, unveiled the mural. Students, as well as others in attendance, were impressed by the way Long represented the many diverse aspects of UML campus life.

The mural is now on display at Alumni Hall between the Center for Diversity & Pluralism and Radio Station WJUL where you can stop by and see it for yourself.

The mural was just one part of the three-day display that also included about 200 books and videos purchased in the past year by the CDP for both O'Leary and Lydon libraries. Also on display were journal articles, papers and reports written by students, faculty and staff from UML and several area colleges and universities. More than 200 people stopped by to see the display and many attended the Diversity Research Forum held on the first day, including students from Professor Janet Burke's and Professor Anne Mulvey's classes.

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'Distant Relatives' are simply for 'The Usual'

by PJ Matthews
Connector Contributor

There is a new place to be on Thursday nights. All you males and females over 21 years of age need to leave the somewhat friendly confines of the Brewery and head on down Merrimack Street to The Usual. As you step through the door around 9:30 p.m., you will find five young gentlemen checking their equipment before they expand your minds to a different sound than the heavy, over-played rock of Limp Bizkit, Korn and Kid Rock, or even the overrated sound of Matchbox 20 and Third Eye Blind. The music of Distant Relatives is a funky mix

of Phish-like jam sessions, Marley interludes and Zeppelinesque rock riffs. Their sound is easy to listen to and suits anyone's taste.

Their introduction to the music scene was through their first solo album "Bragabocious." The album is strong with such great songs as "Parent," "As I Am" and "Daze Like This." Though the album is appealing, the band's real strong point is their live show. As with bands like Dave Matthews and Phish, the best way to experience Distant Relatives is through their live performances.

I got my introduction to their live show this past Thursday night at The Usual. Hearing the live renditions of "Parent," "As

I am" and a couple of Beatles' covers of "Polythene Pam" and "She Came in Through the Bathroom Window," I caught the reality of what this band is all about. The extensive and determined jamming and upbeat extensions to each song make it more fun and musically enjoyable.

If you enjoy chillin' out with friends, having a beer and listening to a tight musical experience then head down to The Usual and check out Distant Relatives (a.k.a. John, Justin, Keith, John and Taylor) every Thursday night. And be sure to find out more about the band, like how to buy its album or where and when to see them perform, from the website.

'Orgy' has faked it in the past, but this seems to be the real thing

by Bill Mueller
Connector Staff

Coming off the success of their first major release *Candyass*, Orgy has returned to the studio to release their much-anticipated album, *Vapor Transmission*. Much like *Candyass*, (man, that's a lot of fun to say) *Vapor Transmission* is a collection of musical styles that mix the old with the new. By old of course I mean the 80's, a period in time which the music industry would gladly forget. Orgy mixes the 80's pop sound, and the 80's Glam-rock sound with a new age hard rock sound that is unique, yet rather satisfying.

I have to admit I was not a huge fan of their first album. I found it to be kind of boring and "forced." The album didn't flow at all. *Vapor Transmission*, however, is the opposite. Each song flows perfectly to the next, they kinda set up a story line that's really easy to understand from beginning to end. I totally dug the intro to the CD; it starts off with a computer "initializing

the vapor" then quickly goes into a beat and keeps adding more and more to the sound. The anticipation keeps rising until it finally resolves into the first track. I felt that the overall sound to the album is a bit heavier than the first, which is apparent in the songs "Suckerface" and "Re-creation."

The thing I really like about Orgy's sound is how well all the instruments and sounds blend together to create one big sound. Not once during the entire album were my ears directed towards a specific instrument like drums, I heard everything as an overall sound. Singer Jay Gordan's vocal lines blend really well with the overall sound of the band as well.

In closing I thought the album was "ok." If you got *Candyass*, (heh heh... I said candy) and really liked it then I suggest you definitely pick up *Vapor Transmission*. If you didn't really dig their first album then I wouldn't bother.

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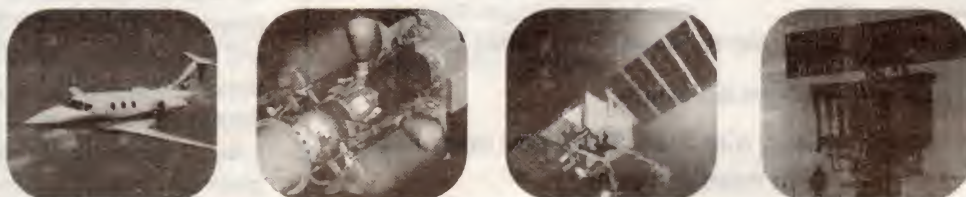
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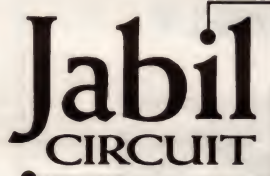
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"No Big Deal"

By Ed Canty

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33 Clapton & Dickerson
34 Bush
35 Jelly container
36 Twitches
37 Postal creed word
38 Soft drink
39 Approximate suffix
40 Bridges
42 Master of India
43 Electric, for one
44 Birthday treat
45 Trousers
46 Florence's place
48 Target of 5 Down
49 The devil
51 Grain works
52 The woman
55 Against
56 *Part of a Big Mac Value Meal*
59 Collapsed
60 "On Golden Pond" actor
61 Mine way
62 Barnyard moms
63 More shy
64 Existed

DOWN

- 1 Mr. Hemingway



- 2 Amazed
3 Spoils
4 The Greatest
5 Gardening job
6 Sidestep
7 Identical
8 ___ Lanka
9 Watch
10 Calculators
11 *Robin's big friend*
12 Lotion ingredient
13 Mail
18 Dilutes
22 Semite
23 Snapshots
24 Contented sounds
25 Flightless bird
26 Adjust the ascot
27 Roll out
28 *A big ape?*
29 Call
31 Word with clock or ham
32 Snaps up
34 Eellike

- 38 Uttered
40 Leaf through
41 Friend
42 Book support
45 Wine area
47 Follows
48 "The Importance of Being Earnest" author
49 Secure
50 Again
51 Umpteen
52 Team
53 Son
54 Royal Italian family
56 NCO
57 Barnyard babble
58 Untreated

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by John E. Fuller
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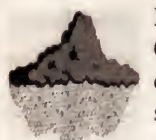
Tuesday:
Morning will be cool with temperatures 30-35. Sunny to mostly sunny. The day's highs will be between 62 and 66 degrees.



Wednesday:
Morning will be cool with temperatures 40-45. Highs between 64 and 68 degrees with the possibility of fair-weather clouds in the afternoon.



Thursday:
Mostly sunny skies to start. Advancing clouds during the day will limit sunshine during the afternoon with only partly sunny skies. Cloudy conditions by dusk. Highs from the middle to upper 60s. Lows range from the middle to upper 40s.



Friday:
Overcast skies with rain a good possibility before the day is complete. There are some early signs that this storm could be on the strong side. More details to come. Highs between the middle to upper 50s. Lows range from the upper 40s to around 50 degrees.

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So, you want to be an RA?

by Dennis Gonthier
Connector Contributor

Josh Drumm and Amal Senn aren't your normal UMass Lowell students. Not only are they full-time students working towards their respective bachelor's degrees, they assume the difficult task of being Resident Advisors. This means that they not only balance their own lives, but intervene in the lives of many other students.

While most students were finishing up the last two weeks of their summer breaks, RAs reported to school for RA training. This training included workshops which lasted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and getting certified in CPR and First Aid. The workshops are designed to give the RAs the appropriate training they need to handle different situations that may arise when on duty. According to Drumm, "the training helps develop assertiveness and leadership skills that are needed for an RA."

This rigorous training helps the RAs get through all the dif-

ferent problems that arise throughout the school year. "We deal with a lot of alcohol and some marijuana problems," said Drumm when asked about the problems that come up most often.

Drumm states that "anyone can become an RA, just contact any RA or resident director in your building." Students who apply must have at least a 2.2 grade point average and at least two character references. When a student submits an application to become an RA, they are put into a pool with other applicants. Applicants are then subjected to group interviews and various workshops that determine the student's personality and the way she or he works and interacts with others. When asked the best way to approach an interview, Drumm stated that "being yourself is the best approach."

When you become an RA, it means more than just being on duty a few nights a week, it means you are on duty 24 hours a day.

Do you want to be an RA?

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Big J's Quote of the Week

“Ever hear a word that made you laugh? Here's one, 'chuffnuts.'”

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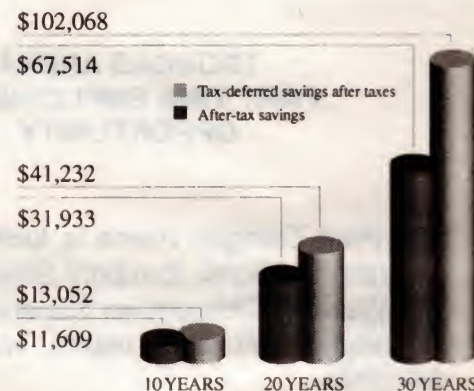
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POLICE LOG



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Connector Editors

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 13

00:00 Motor vehicle stop, verbal, Failure to yield
00:52 Motor vehicle accident, LeLacheur park; citations issued
01:04 Donahue Quad, Disturbance; unfounded, all set
06:29 Reactor alarm, All set
07:38 Well-being check; All set
10:49 Parking complaint, Admissions spot; All set
11:20 MV lockout, Fox Lot
11:30 Car towed by Stuart's from Admissions parking spot
11:40 Abandoned bicycle, Media North, Chained to bench
14:00 Damage to MV
14:45 Student parked in Chair spot
14:50 Fire alarm going off/Leitch and Bourgeois power outage
16:10 Refused, people stuck in elevator, Olney
16:29 MV accident
17:10 Alarm going off, Media South, Alarm malfunction
19:08 MV in handicap spot, Leitch, Found owner
21:44 MV stop, verbal, red light
22:19 Give access to Cumnock, medical
23:22 Emergency call box activated, no problem found
23:45 Two call box lights out, notified electricians

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 14

00:2 Fox, Elevator entrapment; Stanley notified
02:07 Bourgeois, Confiscated alcohol at request
02:25 Towing of MV in fire lane, Sheehy Lot
03:37 MV stop, University Ave, verbal, speeding
07:27 MV stop, citation issued
08:27 Open door in basement, Cumnock hall
09:00 Alarm going off, Olsen; Shut alarm off
12:46 Refusal, Student had seizure; Notified EMS and Trinity
14:40 Weed Hall, 2nd floor alarm going off
14:54 Lowell Fire Dept. at Sheehy for fire alarm; need vehicles moved
15:12 Fox Dining Hall, Laceration to finger; Trinity called
15:22 Weed Hall, 2nd floor sprinkler alarm
15:23 South Campus dining hall leaking pipe
16:08 Welfare check person, Wilder by Coburn; All set
17:00 Bourgeois Hall, blood on floor
19:32 Door lock damaged
20:39 MV stop on Mammoth Rd, speeding and crossing double yellow lines, verbal
22:58 Medical, EMT's toned out, Signed refusal

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 15

01:17 MV stop, Broadway; Excessive speed; verbal
01:30 MV stop, Broadway; Stop sign violation

01:59 Disturbance, Fox Lot; unfounded, all set
02:02 Donahue Lot, intoxicated person, transported by Trinity
02:58 MV stop, Univ. Ave, assist LPD; Possible involvement with shooting; unrelated
03:59 Donahue, Loud party; spoken to; all set
07:53 Open up Weed, Shut alarm off
09:30 MV stop, Aiken St.; Verbal, red light violation
09:51 Person under arrest, out of LPD
18:44 MV stop, Broadway; Verbal; Failure to use caution
23:31 Fox, Student locked in room; RAs able to get him out
23:42 Fox, possible class D, unfounded

MONDAY

OCTOBER 16

00:24 MV lockout, Plymouth St
00:26 Fox, leak in heat system
07:36 Breaking and entering, South Dining Hall
08:23 Arm gate struck vehicle, River lot
11:41 Found 3 yr. old, notified LPD, parents
12:50 Assist LPD, look for person, unfound
13:30 All elevators down, Notified Stanley; Olney Hall
22:03 Intrusion alarm, all secure
23:55 Suspicious activity, Fox Lot; Warned off property

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 17

00:52 Suspicious activity, Mahoney

Lot; No problem, all set
08:29 Notify Stuart's, Lovejoy lot, Visitor spots
09:02 Notify Stuart's, Solomont Way visitor spots
09:11 Stolen MV
10:35 MV blocking, Standish Lot
12:44 Notify Stuart's; cancelled
16:36 Damage to MV, Riverview
17:50 Parking complaint, Solomont Wa, Stuart's called; handicap spot
18:14 MV stop by Coburn, verbal, red light violation
18:32 Parking complaint, North Campus Quad
18:41 NC quad, car parked in HP spot, ticketed
21:56 Water leaking into Escort booth
22:54 Concordia, Missing person

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 18

02:47 MV stop, Pawtucket Blvd, verbal; excessive speed
08:49 MV stop, Father Morr. Blvd, Verbal warning
09:39 Parking complaint, Lovejoy
10:22 Notified Stuart's, Lovejoy, visitor spots
10:58 Vandalism to MV, breaking and entering
14:35 Costello/Riverside, MV blocking, unfounded
17:15 Call box alarm, unfounded
18:35 Intrusion alarm, O'Leary mezzanine; all secure
20:04 Call box alarm, unfounded

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 19

00:32 MV stop, Fr. Morrisette, well-being check; all set

06:01 MV disturbance, Eames Lot, no problem, all set
09:06 Riverside lot, MV lockout
09:19 Solomont Way, student in visitor space; student paid Stuart's
10:20 Solomont, Student in visitor's space, Stuart's towed
12:44 Ames Textile Lot, person sleeping in car; person waiting for someone, all set
18:12 Leak in registrar's office
19:31 Stuart's towed, from handicap spot, Solomont way
19:54 One under arrest, OUI, open container; transport to LPD
23:05 Lydon elevator, 911 call; unfounded

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
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The new Escort Service: bigger and better

by Jeff Varrecchione
Connector Contributor

Have you seen that yellow flashing light around campus during the course of the evening? That yellow light comes from the big gray van with a blue stripe down the side. The lettering on the side says "Escort Service." What is the Escort Service, you ask?

The Escort Service is a service provided by the University for students and faculty. The service runs seven days a week from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. This differs from the shuttle service, which only runs Monday through Friday. The Escort Service is available from anywhere on campus and will take you anywhere you want to go on campus. However, it does make a few stops off campus, such as to the train station, Gallagher Terminal. The primary objective of the Escort Service is to transport students and faculty around campus in a safer, more personal way.

The Escort Service has recently received a complete makeover. In previous years, the service was on-foot, escorting students to and from dorms, parking lots and academic buildings. Last spring there was a

meeting with the campus Police Department and the leadership of the University, which decided that this service was in need of a change. The main reason for this was that very few students were taking advantage of the service. The Chancellor allocated funds for two new vans and for defensive driver training. This new version of the service has proven more presentable, which is why it is now flourishing.

The overall cost of the two vans plus training was approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000. This is considered a small price to pay for the overall safety of the campus. With the new vans and driver training, in addition to heavy advertising, the Escort Service is now extremely successful. Last year, there was only about 83 people who used the service per semester. This year, there have already been about 1200 students who have used the service. This has exceeded expectations and has made the money invested for the program well worth it.

There was, however, one initial problem with the new version of the service. During the first month of operation, there was only one set of drivers that had completed training. The second set of drivers could not operate the vans until they had

completed their training as well. This meant that the service was able to run only one van for a short period of time. Currently the problem has been resolved and now both vans are running every night.

The University is not done with this project just yet. The University would like to add a wheelchair-accessible van for handicapped students. The Chancellor has shown willingness to allocate funds for this purpose. This will make the Escort Service more complete, and accessible to all students.

This Escort Service is a much stronger group than they were last year. Their hopes are to grow even bigger in the future. Assistant Dean of Students, Thomas C. Taylor, said of the Escort Service: "They have a lot of ideas on how to make themselves better and are open to things so there may be services we're not providing right now that we can in the future."

So, if it's cold out, late at night, or you just do not feel like walking, give the Escort Service a call. They will be more than happy to give you a ride. Their number is 934-2222. This program is provided for all students, so take advantage of it!

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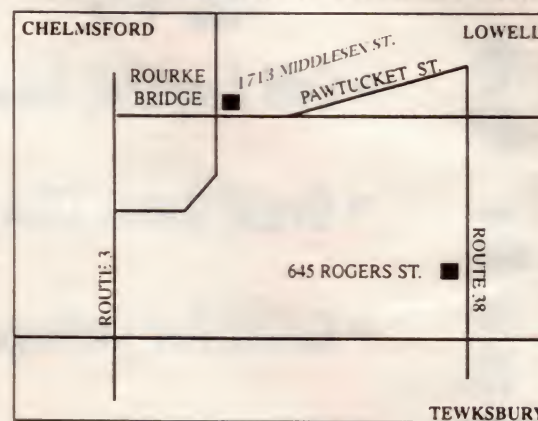
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River Hawks beat Bryant to break losing streak

by Joseph Vargus
Connector Staff

The River Hawks snapped a four game losing streak this weekend against the Bryant Bulldogs in an Eastern Football Conference match-up thanks to their impressive blocking up front and because of their ferocious play on defense.

The River Hawks were virtually unstoppable in the first half. After taking a field goal on the first drive of the game, UML capped off a nine play drive for over 56 yards with a 16-yard rush from sophomore RB Toby Roy-Oden giving the River Hawks a 10-0 lead with 1:03 left in the first quarter. UML extended the lead to 17-0 with 3:17 left in the second quarter as senior WR Blair Doucette took the ball from RB Toby Roy-Oden on a double option hitting junior WR Adam Atheron in the corner of the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown pass.

On the very next drive freshmen QB Geoff Gardner took matters into his own hands scrambling for an eight-yard touchdown capping off a 13 play drive for over 58 yards, which took the lead to 23-0. Bryant got on the board just before the half off a 35-yard run from their QB Steward Winston. UML took the ball and successfully ran a two minute drill up the field once again only to run out of time and have to settle for a field goal leaving the score 26-7 at the end of the half.

The River Hawks seemed to run out of gas in the second half and it almost cost them because Bryant made some nice adjustments, leading to two long scoring drives in the second half only to run out of steam as the clock expired giving the River Hawks the win 26-21. The Bryant bulldogs kind of shot themselves in the foot all game with all their penalties, especially all the personal fouls.

Freshmen quarterback Geoff Gardner got his third start of the season rushing for 86 yards on 19 carries and passing for 51 yards on four completions. He had plenty of time to throw the ball when given the opportunity and ran the option to perfection. Sophomore RB Toby Roy-Oden continued to impress, rushing for a game-high 90 yards. I cannot speak enough about the play from the offensive and defensive lines. The defense forced five fumbles and recovered three of them. They were all over the place.

On Saturday this team came together and played about as well as I have seen them play all season. I could not help but notice the intensity on the sideline. The play calling was well disguised and kept Bryant's defense confused for most of the game. Let's hope they can carry this momentum and intensity into next weeks matchup.

These are my thoughts maybe not yours

by Joey Sullivan
Connector Editor

So it is to be a "Subway Series." All I have to say to that is, "Who cares?" I for one am simply going to flip a coin to see which team I am going to be against (not for). If The Mets destroy the Yankees than I will be happy the Yankees lose but sad because the Mets win.

I am not really all that psyched for the rest of the fall sports line-up, either. I mean can you honestly tell me that a New England team has a shot to go to a playoff this year, and not gag? The Red Sox didn't, the Patriots seem to have a better chance at being the least likely to be arrested than the most likely to win a SuperBowl.

Maybe that is the problem; If the Patriots hired some players who spent some time in jail maybe they could be a better team. It seems to work everywhere else.

I am not really all that upset that Carrol is gone, but at the same time Bella- what's-his-name is not so hot either. At least we could bitch about something before.

I don't even have the patience to watch wrestling anymore, and those guys play harder than anyone else does (if only they had more writers to make the fiction more realistic. I mean how many times can a shirt accidentally fall off of a woman who isn't wearing a bra?).

In actuality I would rather watch-certain people beat up each other. Maybe if they got Gore, Bush, and Nader into the same ring and told them whoever won the match would be the President we could get some real democracy. What would truly be the difference? Pepsi would still sponsor it and it would be more real than this election that they are having now.

I guess I get the point that the only way to truly make it real is to cut Nader's legs and arms off - then it would be more like what is going on now. I mean the man has just as much a chance to play in this thing as a "real" quarterback would have to play at UML with a certain coach's son as QB.

So I will stop this incessant rambling for a little while so that you can catch your breath but just remember that I know where you sleep at night.

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River Hawk sports in brief

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Volleyball: Turner named Setter of the Week Field Hockey: Petros named Rookie of the Week

Freshman Laura Petros was named the Northeast 10 Conference Field Hockey Freshman of the Week while freshman Andrea Turner was named the Setter of the Week as four UML student-athletes earned NE10 weekly honors.

Sophomore outside hitter Stacey Graf was named to the volleyball honor roll while junior forward Seif Sidky was cited to the men's soccer honor roll. Petros totaled four goals in a 1-3 week, including a career-high three goals in a 3-1 victory over Salem State on Oct. 11. She also added a goal in a 3-2 loss at Stonehill, and leads the River Hawks with seven goals and four assists this year. The UML field hockey team is currently 8-9 overall and 2-5 in the NE10.

In two matches this week, Turner totaled 108 assists (13.5 per game) and matched her career-high with 61 in a 3-1 win over Le Moyne. She also dished out 47 assists in a 3-1 win over AIC and also chipped in 19 digs (2.4), eight kills (1.0) and 5 aces (0.6) while hitting .357 in the two matches. Turner is the sole

UML player to have played in all 72 games this season.

Graf was equally impressive, averaging 4.5 kills and 5.5 digs over eight games. In the win over AIC, she registered 20 kills and 18 digs while hitting a season-high .586. She closed the week with 16 kills and a match-high 26 digs in a 3-1 win over Le Moyne.

Entering Tuesday's clash at home against Bryant, the UML volleyball team in 17-4 overall, 9-0 in the NE10 and winners of nine straight matches.

Sidky registered all three goals in a 3-0 victory at Stonehill, UML's third win in its last four matches. The 6-foot-0, 188-pound striker increased his season totals to four goals and three assists (11 points).

The River Hawks improved to 8-3-3 and 5-2-3 in the Conference.

River Hawk volleyball sweeps Bryant for 10th straight victory

Sophomore OH Stacey Graf registered game-highs of 14 kills and 16 digs as the UMass Lowell volleyball team won its 10th straight match Tuesday night with a 3-0 victory over Northeast 10 Conference rival Bryant.

The River Hawks remained unbeaten in NE10 play with a 10-0 record, and improve to 18-

4 overall. Bryant slips to 18-9 overall and 8-2 in the Conference. The win avenges a 3-2 loss suffered by the River Hawks in a non-league match at Bryant on Sept. 22.

Sophomore OH Erin Miller and senior MH Staci Potyrala each chipped in 10 kills while junior Jane Callahan added six kills, 11 digs and served a team-high 16 points. Miller also dished out a career-high seven assists along with eight digs.

UML was also fueled by the passing of junior OH Alicia Bogacz, who also added 11 digs. Freshman S Andrea Turner totaled 34 assists in addition to 10 digs.

Junior OH Jeanette Rulli and sophomore MH Olubunmi Akinnusotu each had 13 kills while freshman MH Lorinda Eggers added 10. Freshman S Britta Beckman dished out 39 assists.

Men's Soccer: River Hawks win OT thriller, 1-0

Junior forward Michael Paige scored the game-winning goal in the 100th minute as the UMass Lowell men's soccer team defeated Bentley College, 1-0, Saturday afternoon at Cushing Field in a Northeast-10 Conference match.

The River Hawks (9-4-3, 6-3-3 NE-10) played with ten men for the last 28 minutes of the

game, but managed the lone goal, when Paige converted a through pass from Michael Cabral for his team-leading eighth goal of the season.

Junior goalkeeper Ben Coy made four saves to pick up his third shutout of the season, while Matt Parsons halted six shots. UML out shot Bentley (7-8-0, 6-6-0 NE-10) 18-13.

Stonehill blanks UML's women's soccer, 2-0

Senior midfielder Alison Lindmark scored two goals as the Stonehill College women's soccer team defeated UMass Lowell Saturday afternoon in a Northeast-10 Conference match at Cushing Field.

The Chieftains (10-5-1, 6-5-1 NE-10) registered the only goal they would need in the 22nd minute, when Lindmark converted a pass from junior defender Courtney Frye for her ninth goal of the season. Lindmark would notch her tenth goal in the 77th minute as she collected a rebound off Jaime Powers' save and found the open net.

The River Hawks (6-8-0, 4-8-0 NE-10) were limited to four shots, while the Chieftains finished with 11. Kathy Neff made three saves to earn her seventh shutout of the season, while Powers stopped four shots.

Field Hockey: River Hawks end season with 3-2 win at Franklin Pierce

Junior midfielder Keri Noyes set up the game-tying goal and scored the game-winner as the UMass Lowell field hockey team defeated Franklin Pierce, 3-2, Saturday afternoon in a Northeast 10 matchup.

The River Hawks cap the season with a 9-10 record, including a 3-6 clip in the NE10 while Franklin Pierce slips to 9-6 overall and 6-3 in the NE10.

With UML trailing 2-1, Noyes set up a goal by senior midfielder Kelly Ward in the 56th minute and scored the game-winning goal with less than four minutes left off a pass from senior defender Julie Heroux.

UML opened the scoring in the 18th minute as Ward fed junior forward Mary Ruggles for a goal. FPC answered in the 30th minute on a goal by senior forward Heidi Nichools assisted by junior forward Kristen Clarke. The Ravens took a 2-1 lead on a goal by junior forward Karen Clarke, assisted by senior forward Lisa Harris, with less than 17 minutes to play.

Freshman goalkeeper Patrice Mendoza stopped 22 shots for UML while sophomore Casey McClements had eight saves for the Ravens.

Now it's my turn

by Ben McKellick
Connector Editor

What is stopping the New England Patriots from winning? I really don't even think they know. I think the Patriots are the unluckiest team in the league where as the New York teams (Football or Baseball) seem to luck out. I refuse to believe that the jets are as good as they are playing now. As far as penalties against them, the ones not called for and the normal blitzes that other teams gamble with we never seem to gamble right once with a blitz. This week in Indianapolis they established the running game and had pass protection for Drew Bledsoe but still came out this week with a loss and had trouble in the beginning getting the ball to Terry Glen or Troy Brown in the air. Even though the receivers are not running 8 or 9 yard routes when its 3rd and 8, and the routes they run are poorly designed they still played well enough to win. Once again this week I saw Bledsoe diving for a first down after eluding a tackler. He wants to win. I also have seen Troy Brown only drop one pass this year that was catchable. even though he is not 6 feet 250 pounds he will go across the middle against any one. He's fearless. He earned his spot on the team and he wants

to keep. This week it was the defense.

Even though the patriots had the ball in the first half for 23 minutes and 13 seconds and continued to dominate the clock the defense was helpless against the potent Indianapolis offensive attack. Edron James was a train coming through the defense and no one could stop him except Lawyer Milloy and Ted Johnson. I never once saw Ted Bruschi tackle him. He usually arrives at any tackling scene a day late and a dollar short. I have no idea what Bellachek sees in him. Katzenmoyer lead this team while Johnson was away last year. Katz' stronger, faster and has better instincts than Bruschi. When ever I see a big play on the ground it is usually run right at Bruschi. As far as pass protection I have never seen Bruschi even come close to defending a pass and only had on interception last year from a deflected pass at the line of scrimmage. This is not to say the Johnson has been perfect. He has broken down from the old Ted Johnson but he does no tallow big plays like Bruschi. Johnson has also been injured for almost two years it seems. I think he still has a nagging bicep or hamstring but no one wants to say anything about it.

McGinest is getting on in his years but he can still play the game with the best of them.

Although he did let up a big run by James this past week to his side. But where was Bruschi. he plays on his side he is supposed to flow to the ball in that situation. I guess he wasn't fast enough, Katzenmoyer is faster and would have had a better chance at James. Also Ty Law has not stepped it up for these struggling Patriots. Usually big players like Law want to make something happen when their team is struggling. He is yet to pick one off. He has faced off against the best of wide receivers these past weeks but he still needs to improve. This type of play for another corner I so say but for the caliber of player that Law is we need to see more. The rest of the secondary is playing decent except for Milloy how is hitting his heart out on the field. He would hit the referees if it would help his team. I see him throwing his body all around the field trying to make something happen and in that he is taking too much on. Every once in a while you see Milloy get burned or close to it because he is taking on so many responsibilities for a safety. Sometimes he plays as a line-backer/safety in the defensive scheme when we need him on coverage. We need players like Lawyer Milloy, Drew Bledsoe and Troy Brown at every position and that's impossible.



Photo by Rosalind Wyman

Senior Julie Heroux and the rest of the UML Field Hockey team ended their 2000 season with a win against Franklin Pierce.



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Hockey team 2-0

Women's rugby yet to be scored on



The River Hawks celebrate their victory after a goal with just seconds to go in the game was scored by Senior Kyle Kidney.

by Doug Noworyta
Connector Staff

UMass Lowell came into Friday's game with Laurent Meunier being named Rookie of the Week for last week. This was his reward for picking up a pair of goals and an assist in his first collegiate game in a convincing 6 to 1 victory over the University of Connecticut. Brad Rooney and Ron Haisey made the Hockey East Honor Roll for their effort in last week's victory as well.

On Friday, October 20, UMass Lowell played 60 minutes of physical hockey, outshooting their opponent RPI 22 to 13 for the game. The River Hawks special teams got two power play goals that propelled them to a 4 to 3 win over RPI. Goalie Jimi St. John was a huge help to the River Hawks, getting the big saves they needed them the most. The three stars of the game were: number three star Matt Murley from RPI, number two star was Kyle Kidney from UMass Lowell, and the number one star was Yorick Treille.

UMass Lowell got two great scoring chances early by Kenny Farrell and Dan Fontas but couldn't make it happen. RPI got on the board first when Matt Murley scored on the power play. The River Hawks answered back with a goal later in the period at the 14:44 mark. The goal was scored when Treille was left open in front of the net and Ed McGrane fed him the pass for the shot. RPI went ahead of the River Hawks again when Nolan Graham beat Jimi St. John with a slap shot. This gave RPI a one-goal lead after one period of play.

The second period saw UMass Lowell get a great scoring opportunity - Laurent Meunier made a pass while he was falling down to Dan Fontas who put it just wide of the goal. The River Hawks took the lead soon at the 14:23 mark when defenseman Josh Reed blasted the shot from the point on the power play to score, beating RPI goalie Kevin Kurk. The score was now knotted 2 to 2.

RPI regained the lead in the game when Matt Murley skated in all alone beating River Hawk

goalie St. John. RPI was now up 3 to 2. Treille tied the game 3 to 3 on the power play with only 17 seconds left on the clock, assisted by Ron Hainsey and McGrane.

The game-winning shot came from senior Kyle Kidney of UMass Lowell in the third period. Hainsey assisted the goal off a two on one breakaway that started at center ice. Kyle Kidney spoke of his game-winning goal: "I don't score enough [to be] known as a sniper and when I get it at a moment like that, it is more special." The final was 4 to 3 UMass Lowell. The River Hawks improve their overall record to 2-0-0.

The coach had these comments after the game: "It was very important for this team to be able to come several times in the game and ... it was a sign for the team." The coach went on to say "[we] as a team played good team defense where the forwards were back-checking well to help the defensemen."

The River Hawks icemen take on Northeastern at home this Friday, the 27th.

by Chrissy Brouillard
Connector Contributor

The UMass Lowell women's rugby team continued to destroy their competition this past weekend as they won 5-0 over St. Anselms of Manchester, NH. This win places the team with an undefeated record of 5-0 and they still have yet to allow any team score a point on them. In the NERFU league they are currently ranked third in the New England region.

The game, at St. Anselms's was the most defensive game the River Hawks have played all year. Co-Captain Julie Bentley (eight man) led the team in two-way play with

her outstanding defensive action and scored the only try on the game. "We had some really great individual efforts on the field and if we can pick up our play as a team we will definitely be competing for the regionals this November," said Bentley. Out side wing, Melissa Gonsalves picked up the player

of the game award for her offensive efforts on the field, which included a 30-meter run.

Next opponent for the women's rugby team is New England College away and this Saturday at home against



The women's rugby team is still undefeated after a game this weekend against St. Anselm's of Manchester New Hampshire.

UMass Amherst. All games are free and open to the public and with a 5-0 record they are worth coming to see. Game time is at 11 a.m. and they play at the Chelmsford High School freshman football field. For more information or directions to the home game, e-mail Erica at esalsman@aol.com.

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Volleyball: Tue. 10/24 vs. Assumption 7:00 PM, Fri. 10/27 at Pace 7:00 PM
Women's Soccer: Wed. 10/24 at St. Anslem 3:30 PM, Sat. 10/28 vs. Assumption 7:00 PM

Crew: Sun. 10/22 Head of the Charles 8:00 AM
Men's Soccer: Wed. 10/24 vs. St. Anslem 7:00 PM, Sat. 10/28 vs. New Haven 2:00 PM
Field Hockey: Fri. 10/27 Northeast 10 Tournament, Sun. 10/29 NE 10 Tourney TBA
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